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## NEWSPAPER CHARITY VS. NEWS PAPER DUTY.

Sometimes it is hard for a newspaper to determine its exact duty in the publication of news. It should play no favorites. What is news in one case is news in another similar case, regardless of who the parties concerned may be.

Its duty first of all is to its readers. It is generally considered that they are entitled to all the news—with such rare exceptions as where its publication would make a paper unfit reading.

But a newspaper is charitable. Newspaper editors are but human. They do not delight in the publication of news which drags down those who have the stellar roles. They would much rather not have such news happen. The chronicling of moral tragedies is no particular pleasure.

During last week an incident happened which took two young men into the police court on a grave charge. Unquestionably the incident was a tragedy in the lives of the parents and relatives of the boys—quite evidently more so than to the boys themselves.

Is it a newspaper's duty to publish the full details of an incident of this kind, or is a better purpose served by displaying charity and neglecting to print the nauseous piece of news?

We do not know whether or not a harp has been put away on high to await our coming and a chair turned against the table, but it is our belief that the wishes of the One who doeth all things well are better fulfilled by doing these lads a favor which binds them to let the lesson be one that will guide them along a straighter path in the future.

If these lads have any honor, any moral stamina, any sense of duty, any appreciation of a kindness done to them and to those who have suffered much for them, they will show that they are not unworthy of the favor. If it so happens that they again overstep, they have placed themselves in a



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position where a similar favor can not be expected.

If the result should be what we all hope it may be we will little care what words of criticism may be at this time expressed of our action.

One of the lads has already acted in a way to cause grave doubt as to whether or not he is worthy of the favor. The only comment we care to make is, "Boys, it's up to you. Others whom we have treated in this manner have made good. The favor we have shown this week will be shown but once."

There are in this little city of ours many grown people who are carrying tales about other residents of our little city, and all the basis they have for their stories is the word of someone else, who got it from someone else. Some day a tragedy may come into the lives of one of these talebearers. A son or daughter may stray along forbidden paths. Then such a one may ask a newspaper to be charitable in the publication of the news. The person has published news by word of mouth not knowing whether or not it was so—news fully now asked to be withheld from publication. The newspaper has the facts—they are matters of record. The other published news not knowing that it was so. Would that person be in a position to ask a newspaper not to publish news about a son or daughter that was known to be so?

Ponder well and show a little charity.

Young men and young women of Cottage Grove, these young men whom we have spared for the moment are not the only ones who might well ask us not to print some of the things happening in Cottage Grove. These lads happened to get caught. Will it be your turn next?

The other morning we passed two young women on their way to school. We do not know what the subject of their conversation may have been. Evidently a boy was concerned, for our hair was raised by the remark, "My God! What the hell is he doing there?" Not from a whiskey-soaked bum, not from a bearded tough, but out of the mouth of a miss not yet out of her teens and girlish dresses.

We do not wish to anticipate what the future holds for girls so lacking in womanly refinement as is indicated by the use of such language at such a tender age, but we sincerely trust the things do not happen which those claiming to be authorities say follow girls who have so little regard for what others may think of them when they hear them nonchalantly using such language in their street conversation.

But the language used by this young woman is entirely lacking in expression and color compared to that employed by a large number of the young lads of the city. Those wishing to learn the whole vocabulary of vile, obscene and profane language should spend a few moments—it won't take many—in close proximity to where the lads are participating in one of the games provided for them in the amusement halls of the city. We are not long on preaching, but about the most disgusting thing in the world is a never-ending flow of vile and obscene language, which degrades and unfits a person for the higher and nobler things of life, which takes from them enjoyment of the clean and beautiful.

We would be pleased to be able to say that the young people were setting a better example to some of their elders.

### WILL EX-SERVICE MEN DISAPPOINT US?

It is but a short time since we were saying that service under the colors and trial by fire was making men of the lads who were thus serving their country—that when they resumed their places as citizens they would do so as men prepared to carry a large part of the burdens of citizenship. We confidently expected that they would do just that. We were ready to accord them all honors and assist them to the best of our ability in the conduct of our common nation.

Will we now have to say that our estimate was wrong, that they did not come back men ready to assume the responsibilities of men?

The reason we are constrained to

ask this question is because a meeting of ex-service men has been called to decide whether or not the American Legion post here shall live or die. Ex-service men, we are informed, are not taking the interest in the post that was expected of them. Not a sufficient number are paying dues to keep up the necessary expenses of maintaining a post. Not a sufficient number are attending meetings to make them interesting and profitable.

The flower of our citizenry is entitled to membership in the American Legion. This organization should be a power in the civil and political life of the nation. Those ex-service men who are not assisting to make it such a power are disappointing their friends who expected greater and better things of them.

If the fault is with the officers of the local post, the membership has the power to select others. If the fault is in the manner of the conduct of the business, the membership has the power to change that.

Fault found with the post is no excuse for withholding membership and active interest, for such fault-finding is only a reflection upon the membership, which has full power to elect its own officers and formulate its own plans for the conduct of its own business. We look to the ex-service men to maintain an active post here. We hope they will not disappoint us. Next Tuesday evening is the time for their decision.

An office boy who received wages of \$8 the week got away with a pay roll of \$4300. A boy of such responsibility as to be trusted with that much money is worth more than \$8 a week, and officers with such lack of discernment as to turn a fortune over to a boy whose responsibility is considered worth only \$8 the week are being paid too much.

## THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

The man who put the pain in campaign must have been a candidate a few times.

Exercise is supposed to strengthen the different parts of the body but we really believe that the strongest-minded woman we ever saw didn't exercise it three minutes a day.

Women want the ballot so they can help their husbands win.

Some male devils desert angels of wives while other husbands live apparently contented with wives that would drive Satan out of purgatory.

Quite often friendship ceases at the hymenal altar.

Any old girl is pretty when all industry may not be its own reward but intelligent effort is always well rewarded.

This would be a sad, sad world if there were no such thing as hope, but it would be a still sadder world if we stopped there. Hope should be the forerunner of energetic action.

Don't wait for things to come to you for they won't come, with the exception of troubles.

A man is proud of fat. A woman decidedly is not.

A loud voice seems decidedly out of place on a small man.

The ten-dollar-a-week clerk away on his vacation wants folks to believe he is a millionaire's son—and sometimes he gets away with it.

The appendix is removed because it is useless. If all unused parts of the human anatomy were to be removed some folks would have nothing left but a mouth and gall bladder.

The shiftless one doesn't do much at shifting for himself.

To abstain from wrong doing merely through fear of the law or through fear of public opinion is said to be nearly as sinful as committing the act. The innocents are mighty few.

A woman may worry her life away about the actions of her neighbors without learning that they are doing the same thing about her.

Pretty soon it will be easier to keep track of auto owners by listing the names of those who don't own any.

The unluckiest persons are those who imagine they are born that way and give up to their supposed hoodoo.

It's a rather good-for-nothing woman who can't support one man—and an entirely good-for-nothing woman who tries it.

Gradually it is becoming accepted that education is for the purpose of teaching young men and women something useful for later life.

Now the girls are wearing mirrors in their bonnets so they can see what men behind them are doing. The girls are going to learn a lot of things that they pretended not to believe before.

There are some people so god-darned partisan that they would rather starve than to have prosperity under the other administration.

Sometimes you find a tough old sinner who is tender-hearted.

There are liars, and liars, and liars, and political prognosticators.

The successful candidate is quite often a failure.

We hurrah for the constitution until we find it does something we think it should not do, or doesn't do something we think it should do.

dolled up—the test of her sweetness and beauty is how she looks in aingham dress about the house—and don't forget that that's the way you have got to take her most of the time after the wedding.

## CRIME COSTS COUNTY A TREMENDOUS SUM

The monthly list of current expense bills which has just passed the county court is one of the largest on record, having added to the regular county expenses the bills for the general election and of the late term of circuit court. This term of court was made one of the most expensive on record because of the Elliott case, which called for a great many jurymen and witnesses. The accounts show that 62 warrants were issued for jurors and 131 warrants for witnesses in the course of the term. The total amount of expense incurred for jurors and witnesses alone was in the neighborhood of \$2500.

The Clark trials are variously estimated at from \$3000 to \$5000 each.

A further idea of the amount of trouble and expense brought upon the county is gained from the records in the office of the sheriff. These show that in the past two years there have

been 17 convictions for violations of the liquor laws, 10 convictions for operating stills and the manufacture of liquor, and over 100 convictions for other crimes. Sixteen cases of auto theft were handled by the sheriff, 8 cases of forgery, 13 cases of assault, 10 cases of burglary, 42 cases of larceny, 25 violations of traffic laws, 9 cases of non-support, 2 cases of criminal libel, 2 violations of the fish and game laws, 5 cases of rape, 6 cases of obtaining money under false pretenses, and a long list of other offenses which called for the operation of the entire machinery of the law.

### Royal Arch Masons Elect.

The Royal Arch chapter elected and installed the following officers Wednesday night: E. H. P., M. H. Anderson; king, T. C. Wheeler; scribe, G. O. Knowles; treasurer, Worth Harvey; secretary, Gottfried Graber; C. H., Andrew Brand.

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A telephone company, in its broadest sense, is a partnership consisting of the state as an institution, the public as a group of customers, and the company. The state determines the extent to which the company may go and regulates its rates, services and practices. The company furnishes the facilities with which these rights are exercised and the services rendered. Those members of the public who constitute the customers, furnish the revenue with which the company is enabled to perform these services. No telephone company can exist without customers, and these customers must be treated with fairness both by the company and by the state. The state does not permit any undue burden to be placed upon a customer.

A public service corporation, in a broad sense, is merely an organized right to render the public service, and in the same larger sense the service belongs to the company's customers. It follows that the customers are really the company. What benefits or harms the one has a like effect upon the other.

We are anxious that our present customers, applicants for service, and the company shall be treated fairly. To continue to extend our service under our present condition is impossible. We invite our customers, the public of Oregon, to interest themselves in our problem.

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